**FEUDAL JAPAN RESEARCH TASK**

Use your notes, textbook and netbooks to find the answers to these questions.

Q1. Who was Jimmu?

Q2. What does ‘divine rule’ mean?

Q3. What did the Yamato chiefs claim?

Q4. The Mongols attacked Japan in 1274CE and 1281CE. What saved the Japanese from defeat?

Q5. Finish this sentence. This led the Japanese people to believe their country was protected by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q6. During World War 2 what were the kamikaze?

Extension Task: How would the earlier victories have affected the Japanese attitude in later wars against other countries (e.g. Korea, Manchuria, Russia, and WW2)? What was their attitude to conquered people? Investigate the actions of the Kamikaze during WW2.

Q7. What was happening in Japan during the ‘Warring States’ or ‘country at war’ period?

Q8. What is the name of Japan’s oldest religion?

Extension: What are the 4 basic beliefs of Shinto? Explain the significance of nature to the Japanese. Research other significant belief systems followed in Japan: Buddhism, Zen and Confucianism.

Q9. How did shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu control the power of the daimyo?

Q10. What was ‘bushido?’

Q11. What were the rules samurai followed?

Q12. What seven fighting skills were samurai required to learn?

Extension: Explain the ‘carelessness with life’ belief/training of the samurai.

Q13. Referring to the samurai, what was meant by ‘the pen and the sword?’

Q14. What weapons did samurai carry? How were they used?

Q15. Describe their armour.

Q16. What happened during a battle?

Q17. Why and how would a samurai commit seppuku (hari kari)?

Q18. What circumstances could lead to samurai becoming ronin?

Q19. Who were the ninja and how did they avoid detection?

Q20. What was the role of samurai women?

Q21. Why were the merchants considered least important in feudal Japan?

Q22. Which groups were the outcasts in Japanese feudal society and why?

Q23. What were the reasons for Tokugawa Iyeyasu’s ‘closed door’ policy?

Q24. How did Commodore Matthew Perry succeed in having the Japanese sign the Treaty of Kanagawa between the US and Japan?

Q25. This led to the overthrow of the Tokugawa Shogunate and reinstated the emperor as head of government. He was known as Emperor Meiji. What does meiji mean?

**Extra Extension Tasks you may like to complete:**

Castles: Research Japanese castles. How were they different from European castles? Look at the features of Himeji Castle. How was it defended?

Emperors: What was Emperor Hirohito forced to do at the end of World War2? What is the role of the emperor in modern Japan?

Culture: Anime, sumo, gardens/bonsai, noh, poetry- tanka, renga and haiku.

I hope you have enjoyed our brief visit to Japan.

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